(c) whether the Government have delegated power to KVIC to purchase Immovable property; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have received the following proposals from KVIC in respect of the acquisition of immovable property:

S.No.	Description of immovable property
1.	Construction of 19 Staff Qtrs. through CPWD, for its State Office Bhubaneshwar.
2.	Purchase of 34 Staff Quarters from West Bengal Housing Board (Ready built) for its State Office, Calcutta.
3.	Purchase of Office Accommodation from Calcutta Improvement Trust of 5000 Sq.ft. covered area.
4.	Purchase of property at Haldwani for MDTC Centre, Haldwani.

(c) and (d) Government have not received any proposal from KVIC for delegation of such powers.

Mahanandi Coalfield Ltd.

2741. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal mining activities have come to standstill in the Vasundhara Open Cast Coal Mines under Mahanandi Coalfield Ltd.(MCL);

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to restart the coal mining operation at this coal mine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The Vasundhara Opencast Project sanctioned in June, 1989 had to be shelved on account of lack of linked consumers of coal and infrastructural facilities. However, in 1994 the project was revived after suitable linkages for coal supply could be established and action for infrastructural development initiated. Coal production from the project started in May, 1997 and is continuing.

[Translation]

Scam in Bank of Rajasthan at Indore

2742. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is resentment among the people due to the scam of Rs.2.41 crores in the Indore branch (Madhya Pradesh) of Bank of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to punish the guilty employees involved in such scams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of Sick Units and Loan Outstanding

2743. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI:

SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of sick units in the country as on June 30, 1997, State-wise;

(b) the loan of bank outstanding against these sick units;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance to revive sick units in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), state-wise details of small scale industries (SSI) sick units and non-SSI sick industrial units with outstanding bank-credit against them as on 31.3.1996 (latest available) is attached as statement.

(c) to (e) RBI has reported that under its existing guidelines, banks provide need based working capital to sick industrial units. Detailed guidelines have also been issued by RBI regarding formulation/implementation of rehabilitation packages in respect of sick/weak industrial units found potentially viable for their revival. Rehabilitation package, inter alia, provides for funding of existing dues of banks and financial institutions with extended period of repayment thereof in a phased manner, interest concessions, grant of fresh term loan as also fresh working capital facilities. The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) set up under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) takes necessary action in respect of non-SSI sick units for determination of preventive, ameliorative, remedial and other measures and for enforcement of such measures under the provisions of SICA. The banks have also been advised by RBI to implement the rehabilitation packages approved by BIFR in relation of sick industrial units.